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The N.W.S.P.U. appeals for the name and address of every Woman in the country, of whatever class or political creed, who is willing to unite and work actively for the removal of the present degrading political disability imposed upon women. The Union welcomes every helper, and needs a great staff of voluntary speakers and canvassers and workers, whose services can be organised in the ever-growing National Campaign, and who can assist in raising the Special Fund of £20,000 which is now needed to carry on and extend its present work.

Birmingham.

An energetic campaign is in progress in Birmingham. One of the national organisers, Miss Nell Kenney, is in the city, and the local members of the Union are giving her every assistance in preparing for the great Town Hall demonstration on November 20. The Rev. James Adderley has invited Mrs. Pankhurst to speak at a meeting in the Memorial Hall, Saltley, at which he will preside.

Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak at a W.S.P.U. "At Home" in the Grand Hotel on Thursday afternoon. Several representative women have accepted our invitation to be present, and we hope that the local movement will be much strengthened as a result of this gathering.

Bristol.

Miss Dorothy Pethick and Miss Lamb have been busy in Bristol for some time past. Miss Annie Kenney has now joined them, and all three are engaged in rousing Mr. Birrell's constituents to an interest in Women's Suffrage, and in making known the meeting in Victoria Rooms on November 8. Bristol has long been a Women's Suffrage stronghold. The newspapers have shown great interest in our visit to the town, and the "Bristol Echo" issued a poster bearing the words: "The Suffragettes are coming. Campaign in Bristol."

Southampton.

Mrs. Baines is at Southampton for the purpose of carrying on a month's propaganda, which will conclude with a big public meeting, to be addressed by Mrs. Baines, myself, and others.

Nottingham.

On Monday, October 14, Miss Elsa Gye and Mrs. Baldock went to Nottingham to arrange two public meetings, which are being held as the paper goes to press (Wednesday), to coincide with the conference on Women's Suffrage convened by the National Executive Committee of the Women's Liberal Federation. This opportunity of explaining our election policy to Liberal women hailing from all parts of the country was too good to be missed.

Suffolk.

Mrs. Martel, who has just returned from a visit to Halifax, West Hartlepool, Jarrow, and Darlington, is now at Ipswich, where the local Women's Suffrage Society has arranged a public meeting. The Bury St. Edmunds election campaign roused great interest in Suffolk, and we intend to hold further meetings in all parts of the county.

Rossendale.

Our attempt to enlist the sympathy and support of Mr. L. V. Harcourt's constituents is proving very successful. Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Keevil have had a hearty welcome from the people of Rossendale, and any prejudice which may have existed against the "Suffragettes" has completely disappeared. Mr. Harcourt is to be in the constituency from October 26 to 28, when he will be asked to receive a deputation. Mrs. Pankhurst will address a series of meetings, including three special women's meetings, in the constituency before he arrives, and will make arrangements for the deputation.

Yorkshire.

Miss Adela Pankhurst remains in Yorkshire for the present. The present week is being spent in Leeds and

Bradford. Last evening (the 15th) she spoke to the past and present students of the Bradford Girls' Grammar School on "Votes for Women in Relation to Women's Work." Our members in Leeds, Keighley, and Brighouse are preparing to hold big demonstrations in the near future.

Our members will be glad to hear that Miss Aeta Lamb has now become one of our national organisers. As a voluntary worker Miss Lamb has served the Union with great devotion for many months past. She has taken part in most of the recent bye-election campaigns, and has had experience in every side of our work. She is, too, a very earnest and thoughtful speaker. We are very glad that her whole time and energy are now to be given to the movement.

Queen's Hall Meeting.

There is every prospect of a crowded meeting in the Queen's Hall on November 11. The tickets are selling well, and our London members are doing their best to make the demonstration a success. We hope that every ticket may be sold before the day of the meeting arrives.

South St. Pancras.

Mrs. Drummond is in charge of a campaign in South St. Pancras, the constituency of Mr. R. W. Wilson—an opponent of the Adult Suffrage type. She will be very glad of assistance from any London member, and begs that offers of help may be sent to her at 4, Clements Inn.

CHRISTABEL H. PANKHURST.

AT HOME AT PORTMAN ROOMS.

SEVEN hundred guests accepted the invitation of the members of the committee to the conversazione at Portman Rooms on Saturday, October 12, the day set aside to commemorate the first imprisonment of Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenney just two years ago—the birthday of the militant Suffrage movement. The spirit of the gathering was one of joyful enthusiasm.

The chair was taken at nine o'clock by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and short speeches were given by the two pioneers who had led the way—to prison, because prison has to be passed through *en route* for freedom. Miss Annie Kenney told the story of the past. Miss Christabel Pankhurst directed our thoughts to the future. She pointed out that, on the authority of Cabinet Ministers, the next General Election was to be fought on a "constitutional issue." The only constitutional question to women is their own right to representation. The policy of women should be to completely side-track the hollow and inconsistent agitation of the Government against the House of Lords, and turn it to their own purpose.

Mrs. Pankhurst was called upon for a few words, and had a great reception. She said that women must be in evidence at Westminster at the opening of Parliament if there was no reference in the King's Speech to Women's Suffrage, and reminded her audience that there were enough women in the room to win the victory of womanhood if they were sufficiently determined to count no cost too great to pay for this reform.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Miss Gye. Miss Sullivan conducted the part-songs, and Miss Auld was the accompanist, and great pleasure was given by the charmingly rendered programme.

THE MOVEMENT IN LONDON AND THE PROVINCES.

Notes of Meetings and Announcements and other Contributions for this page should be posted to The Editor, "Votes for Women," 4, Clements Inn, W.C., so as to arrive not later than Saturday morning in each week to be in time for insertion in the following number.

Kensington W.S.P.U.

THE Kensington W.S.P.U. has had a busy week. Two very successful drawing-room meetings have been held, one arranged by Mrs. Rogers at Gwendwr-road, at which Miss Pankhurst charmed and convinced a large audience, and one at 84, Brook Green, arranged by Mrs. Silver and Miss Bertha Sharp. Miss Evelyn Sharp was the chief speaker on this occasion, and Miss Evelyn Morrison presided at both.

The first Kensington W.S.P.U. "At Home" was held on Wednesday, and was enlivened by some anecdotes, told by a leading member of the French Feministe Movement, of the way in which they manage their affairs in Paris. Friends interested in the Kensington work who desire invitations to the "At Home" should apply to the Hon. Secretary.

The arrangements for the large meeting in the Town Hall on October 24 are almost completed. Mrs. Pankhurst has promised to speak, and one of the organisers from Manchester is to tell us how the northern women work for the cause. Members of the Union under the direction of Miss Bertha Sharp have been busy for the last fortnight addressing and filling the thousands of envelopes that are to make the meeting known, and next week a large body of workers, headed by Miss Morrison, will deliver them at the doors and hand bills to passers-by at the railway stations in the district. More volunteers for this work are required and will be welcomed, for the co-operation of many willing hands is needed to make our first big autumn meeting a success.

LOUISE M. EATES, Hon. Secretary.

Rochdale W.S.P.U.

We had two meetings on the Town Hall-square on Sunday, October 6; Mrs. Baines and Mrs. Chatterton were the speakers. Both meetings were successful, and we sold a great amount of literature, and, better still, a good collection. We are still house-to-house canvassing, and are arranging meetings in our offices these winter evenings.

Yorkshire Report.

At Halifax, on Tuesday, the 8th, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Halifax W.S.P.U. Mrs. Martel spoke upon "What the Vote has done for Women in Australia," giving, by the way, a description of the progress of the W.S.P.U. in its earliest days, when under the late Government a protest meeting was held against the talking out of Mr. Keir Hardie's Bill.

Arrangements have been made at Sheffield for a campaign, beginning on November 7, ending November 10. I have arranged to speak during that time to meetings of women only, midday meetings, and open-air meetings at night. Mrs. Scurfield, of Sheffield, has kindly offered to give me a drawing-room meeting on November 5, and to arrange a lecture at a "Guild of Mothers" on November 25.

At Bradford, on Thursday, a drawing-room meeting, resulting in the addition of several members to the Bradford Union, was held by Mrs. Batchelor, of Thackley, in the afternoon. In the evening the Idle mock Parliament debated a Bill to give votes to women, which had two clauses, one providing that women should vote on the same terms as men now, and the second extending the vote to women when the franchise is widened for men. All the opposition was offered to the second clause. Mrs. Bottomley and myself were speakers for the Union.

Programme.

Next week much time will be devoted to preparing for the visit of Mrs. Martel in October and of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in November. In Bradford a meeting has been arranged by the efforts of Miss Gladys Priestman and Miss Kathleen Priestman in the Friends' Meeting House. Mrs. H. B. Priest-

man will preside. The object of this meeting will be to interest the students, past and present, and the teachers of the Girls' Grammar School in the conditions of women. I shall speak on "Women's Work."

On Thursday, by Miss Gladys Priestman's arrangement, I speak to the Socialist women of Bradford.

Our usual weekly meeting will be held in Bradford on Saturday night.

On Sunday I address the I.L.P. at Sowerby Bridge.

ADELA PANKHURST.

The Rossendale Campaign.

WE have had a busy week of campaigning in the Rossendale Valley. October 7 at Bacup, where we had a meeting in the Union-square, October 8 in Waterfoot, in the Market-square, October 9 in Rawtenstall, October 10 in Helmshore. We worked up the meetings very economically, chalking the flags everywhere and employing the town crier. So that a shilling or two was the total cost of our advertisement, and this was covered in every case by a collection. We have had very friendly audiences from 700 to 1,000, and great interest has been shown.

Miss Keevil, who has won the hearts of the Lancashire people by her kindness and earnestness in the cause, returned on Tuesday to carry on the Campaign, until Mrs. Pankhurst joins her on the 18th. Miss Keevil's time will be given to visiting and working up the meetings for Mrs. Pankhurst. Women's meetings are arranged for Tuesday, October 22, in the Co-operative Hall, Rawtenstall, at 3 o'clock; on Wednesday afternoon, in the Co-operative Hall, Haslingden; on Thursday afternoon, in the Liberal Club, Bacup, 3 o'clock. Meetings will be arranged every evening in Rossendale Valley.

ANNIE KENNEY.

"Votes for Women" Choir.

At least one hundred additional members are urgently needed for the meeting at Queen's Hall, November 11.

The practices are held every Wednesday evening, 8 p.m., at 119, Clements-inn.

Those wishing to join please to send name and address to Miss Elsa Gye, National W.S.P.U., 4, Clements-inn, Strand.

FROM THE PRESS.

Echoes of the German Conference.

(From the *Daily Chronicle*, October 4.)

I had hardly arrived at Frankfort when there fell upon my ears the words "Frauen-Stimmrecht!" At table in my pension near the Palmengarten appeared an animated party of German women's righters, and, before many days were over I was listening to Miss Kenney and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in the beautiful Saalbau. There is then, indeed, nothing new under the sun; unless it be that here one of the English agitators makes her speeches in German and with a marked success.

I have asked one of the German ladies working for the Frauen-Stimmrecht, and staying at my pension, what she had to say of the congress of women in Frankfort, and particularly of the English delegates. Her opinion was both enthusiastic and discriminating. She who spoke English (Miss Kenney) had impressed her as a woman of "much temperament," who had suffered in her time as a working woman herself, and who had discovered, as so many are now doing in Germany, that for the bettering of the condition of such women the power of the vote is needed. The other, who spoke in German (Mrs. Pethick Lawrence) had left behind her the impression of a highly-cultivated woman. In her speech, indeed, she made use from time to time of expressions more learned than the ladies of Germany are accustomed to hear from foreigners. Exalted sentiment and courage to step, for the sake of her sex, beyond the limits assigned by convention to the action of women were recognised in her speeches, and a note of distinction characterised the part she took in the women's deliberations. As for the meetings generally, which would have been inconceivable in Germany only a few years ago, they have been a source of indescribable satisfaction to my fellow-pensionnaire.

Votes for Dutch Women.

The Dutch Government has submitted to Parliament a Bill modifying the Constitution to render possible the establishment of universal suffrage, votes for women, and the eligibility of women to sit in Parliament. The right of amending the Bill is not granted to the First Chamber.—*Daily Mail*.

SCOTTISH NOTES.

THE Scottish branches are busy this week, exulting over last week's successes, and getting into the swing of the winter's work. Every town's Press reports of the procession were good—the *Glasgow Times* giving us a sketch, a cartoon, a poem, and a descriptive article; the *Scotsman* a good report and a leader; the *Scots' Pictorial* and *Scottish Review* snapshots and good notices; and Miss Wilkie did a special descriptive article for the *Dundee Courier*.

"Forward" seemed quite a "Suffrage" edition with Miss Phillips' procession article—Miss Brand's Dundee one—and the St. Andrew's Hall report. The Glasgow central branch started a series of monthly lectures in the Charing-cross Hall on Wednesday with Councillor Pratt, who is a strong supporter of our movement, as speaker, and we had from him a very able and thoughtful speech, and an excellent discussion afterwards.

On Tuesday evening, October 8, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Billington-Greig and myself invaded what the Press termed "Southside Villadom," and went to Sherbrooke Hall to the Pollokshields Parliamentary Debating Society's meeting, where we were made members for Morpeth, Rochdale, and Plymouth respectively, and moved and supported with other members a resolution for the removal of the sex disqualification.

The Southern Branch is busy preparing for its "At Home" on October 25 in Langside Halls, which, we are sure, will be a great success. The Liberal Scottish Council meetings have been held at Rothesay this week, and the Women's Suffrage resolution has been passed unanimously—as usual—but resolutions don't seem to get them much further. I intended to devote myself entirely to Rothesay, but decided it would be more valuable to attend the Sweating Conference in Glasgow as a delegate, and listen to all the speakers, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., Mr. Geo. Barnes, M.P., Mr. Fyfe, Miss Irwin, Miss Clementina Black, and others on the sweated woman worker.

I learned a great deal, and I took two opportunities to speak of the real way to reform—by granting women votes, so that they may work out their own industrial salvation—and it seemed to me a very strange thing that several of the women who spoke, who proclaim themselves Suffragists, did not mention this at all, and only by myself was it suggested that for women as for men "rights" should accompany duties.

What always amazes me is the fact that women never seem (or only too rarely) to realise the fact that it is intolerable that men should pass restrictive legislation for women without consulting one of us. Those conferences make one think, and are very educative in many ways. Miss Wilkie also spoke well on the "moral aspect of the question," and we had Miss Husband, from Dundee, and Miss MacCallum, from Dunfermline.

IMPRESSIONS OF SCOTLAND.

THE week which I spent in Scotland was one of the happiest times of my life, always meeting the same welcome, the same consideration and courtesy, the same deep interest in the Woman's Movement and in our own special organisation.

It was the first time I had ever spoken to a Scottish audience, too; and it was a keen pleasure to talk of those great social and political ideals about which one cares intensely to attentive and earnest people, who had come to the meeting to consider seriously the aspects of this question of women's enfranchisement, which we as its exponents were prepared to lay before them. If I could read right the mental attitude of those who had never before considered this question, it was something like this: "You have put your case, I will examine it carefully. Come back in a few months' time, and I will tell you my conclusions. If I see no flaw in your arguments I shall be prepared to own that you are right, and you can count on me to stand by the cause that has reason and justice behind it." To such an audience as this it is worth while to give of one's very best.

I can see that the Scottish women are going to have a great Woman's Movement, and I believe that the coming winter will see many things accomplished over the Border, and the cause of liberty, justice, and equality well advanced towards its next significant triumph in human life—that day when our *Votes for Women* banner shall be raised from the citadel of constitutional freedom, and women shall take their place side by side with men, to work out the better social development, the higher human evolution, which is, as we understand it, the divine purpose of our life in this world.

EMMELINE PETHICK LAWRENCE.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

For the rest of October (as far as at present arranged).

Oct. 17	Birmingham, "At Home," Grand Hotel	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst	3-6
	London, 4, Clements-inn "At Home"	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8-10
	Ipswich, Market-square	Mrs. Martel	7.30
	Chelsea	Mrs. Drummond	7.30
Oct. 18	Barnes Pond	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Leeds	Miss A. Pankhurst	7.30
	Birmingham	Mrs. Martel	7.30
	Ipswich, G. F. S.	Mrs. Martel	7.30
Oct. 19	Suffragette Scouts meet Bloomsbury-square, 2 p.m.	Meeting, Wembley	7.30
	Leeds	Miss A. Pankhurst	7.30
	Ipswich, Cornhill	Mrs. Martel	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	London, Hyde Park	Miss C. H. Pankhurst	3
	London, Victoria Park	Mrs. Baldock	3.30
	Sowerby Bridge, T. D. F.	Miss A. Pankhurst	3
	Blackheath	Mrs. Toyne	3 p.m.
	Ipswich, Open-air Meeting	Mrs. Martel	3 and 7
Oct. 21	London, 4, Clements-inn, "At Home"	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	4-6
	London, 4, Clements-inn, Evening Meeting	Mrs. Baldock	8 p.m.
	Greenfield Congregational Church, Women's Meeting	Miss A. Pankhurst	
Oct. 22	Rawtenstall	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil	3 and 7
	Haslingden	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	7.30
Oct. 23	Radlett Congregational Church	Mrs. Pankhurst	7.30
	Haslingden	Mrs. Macaulay	5 p.m.
	Helmshore	Mrs. Pankhurst	7.30
	Putney, Weimar-road	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Paddington, corner of Elgin-avenue and Watterton-road	Open-air Meeting	7.30
Oct. 24	Preston, Unitarian Church	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	
	Manchester, "At Home"	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	
	Kensington	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Baldock	8-10
Oct. 25	London, 4, Clements-inn	"At Home"	8-10
	Christchurch (Didsbury) Literary Society	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Walthamstow, Queen's-road School	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Bacup, Women's Meeting	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil	3 and 8
Oct. 26	Manchester, Free Trade Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Suffragette Scouts meet Sloane-square, 2 p.m.	Meeting, Redhill	
Oct. 27	London, Hyde Park	Miss C. H. Pankhurst	3 p.m.
	London, Victoria Park	Mrs. Baldock	3.30
Oct. 28	London, 4, Clements-inn, "At Home"	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst	4-6
	London, 4, Clements-inn, Evening Meeting	Mrs. Baldock	8 p.m.
Oct. 29	Leigate	Mrs. Martel	
	Brighton	Mrs. Martel	8.15
	Romford Parliamentary Debating Society	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m.
	Leeds, Theosophical Hall	Mrs. Pankhurst	7.30
Oct. 30	Keighley, Temperance Hall	Mrs. Martel	7.30
	Putney, Weimar-road	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Paddington, corner of Elgin-avenue and Watterton-road	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Brixton	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Brighton, Hove	Miss C. H. Pankhurst	8 p.m.
Oct. 31	Bowes Park	Mrs. Pankhurst	8 p.m.

Nov. 11 QUEEN'S HALL MEETING, LONDON. Chairman—Mrs. Pankhurst. Speakers—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Mary E. Gawthorpe, Mrs. Martel, Miss C. H. Pankhurst.

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MEMBERS of the Union will welcome the appearance of the intermediate report and balance-sheet for the six months ending August 31. The report records so much work done and progress made, that it will be found most useful as a means of increasing the membership of our society, and of proving to those who have been misled by the silence of the Press that the movement is in a very flourishing condition. In the report will be found a brief account of by-election work, of the campaign by way of public meetings, and of the other forms of propaganda carried on during the past half-year. The subscription list and balance-sheet are of great interest, showing that in six months 500 women have rendered financial support, and that the total amount raised has been over £2,500. On the other hand, the expenditure has amounted to £2,700, so that the need for a still larger income is obvious. In May of this year we opened a campaign fund of £20,000. Towards this sum the Committee invite contributions, both large and small, from all those who desire to see the speedy conclusion of the fight for women's enfranchisement.

The Week's Campaign.

Unfavourable weather has interfered with open-air work, and we shall now have to resort more and more to indoor meetings. It has been decided to discontinue the series of Hyde Park meetings until the Spring. Twenty-eight of these meetings have been held, and there has been an average attendance at each of 5,000 persons, making an audience of about 140,000 persons in all. The meetings in Victoria Park have been no less successful.

During the winter, those who have been the speakers at these meetings will be free to address Sunday meetings in different parts of London and in the provinces.

Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil, and Mrs. Massey are busy in Mr. Harcourt's constituency, and are obtaining strong local support from women and men alike. Mrs. Pankhurst is writing to request Mr. Harcourt to receive a deputation of representatives of the W.S.P.U., and of women residing in the constituency.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence speaks on October 25 in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, at a meeting jointly convened by the Women's Social and Political Union, the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage, and other Suffrage Associations. Taking advantage of her presence in Lancashire, various societies in Liverpool, Preston, Didsbury have arranged meetings for her.

Mrs. Martel, who has recently returned from Ipswich, where she addressed a meeting in the St. Lawrence Hall, speaks on Monday next at Reigate, on Tuesday at Brighton, and then goes to Yorkshire in order to speak at Keighley and Brighouse.

Mrs. Baines has already found many supporters in Southampton, and reports that the big meeting on November 6 promises to be successful. She will be joined very shortly by Mrs. McLeod, of Lewisham, who has friends in the town, whose support she intends to obtain for the movement.

Nottingham.

Our first meeting in Nottingham was held in heavy rain, but those who attended were sympathetic, and good reports appeared in the local Press. Before speaking at this

meeting I attended the Women's Suffrage Conference held by the Women's Liberal Federation, and heard the discussion on methods of agitation. The proposal that Liberal women shall abstain from supporting Liberal candidates at bye-elections until the franchise is granted was defeated, but it met with a certain amount of support. The idea of a political strike has at last obtained root in the minds of some Liberal women, and it is certain to spread rapidly. One may safely predict that a few months will see a great change in this matter. Many of those present at the Conference who are not yet prepared to withhold their help at election times, nevertheless expressed strong dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Government.

The Nottingham Liberal women are numerous and well organised, and it is significant that at a public meeting held under their auspices later in the day, they secured the attendance of Mr. Arthur Richardson and Sir Henry Cotton, two out of the three Parliamentary representatives, while Mr. Yoxall, the remaining member, sent a letter of apology, and Mrs. Yoxall took a prominent part in the proceedings. It is evident that these gentlemen understand the importance of retaining the support of the local women Liberals.

We are to hold a meeting in the Mechanics' Hall on December 2, at which we hope several Liberal women will be present. We shall explain the necessity of opposing the Government, and we shall call upon the Liberal women, if they can go no further, at least to abstain from strengthening the hands of the present Government by working at bye-elections. Miss Elsa Gye remains in Nottingham for the purpose of arranging the meeting, and she has obtained already a large measure of local support.

Birmingham and Bristol.

The Birmingham "At Home," on October 17, was attended by a number of influential women who were particularly interested in our policy of political independence. The next event of importance is the Town Hall meeting on November 20, which is exciting much interest.

In Bristol our three representatives are making steady progress. By means of meetings in drawing-rooms and at factory gates, they are getting in touch with people of all classes. Miss Priestman, one of the pioneers of the Women's Suffrage movement, has helped by arranging a drawing-room meeting, and Miss Kenney and Miss Gye are to speak next Sunday for the society in connection with the David Thomas Memorial Church.

London.

In London, apart from the work which is being done by the local Unions, we are organising two campaigns, one in South St. Pancras and the other in the Romford division of Essex.

The electorate of Romford numbers about 50,000, the Government majority at the last election being over 8,000. Preparations for a public meeting are on foot in Wanstead, and similar meetings will be held in all parts of the constituency. Mrs. Drummond will be pleased to hear from those who are prepared to help either in St. Pancras or Romford.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

THE MOVEMENT IN LONDON AND THE PROVINCES.

Notes of Meetings and Announcements and other Contributions for this page should be posted to The Editor, "Votes for Women," 4, Clements Inn, W.C., so as to arrive not later than Saturday morning in each week to be in time for insertion in the following number.

Brixton and Streatham W.S.P.U.

THE Brixton and Streatham W.S.P.U. is busy making arrangements for meetings to be held during the coming months. So successful have the recent out-door gatherings been that the committee have decided to take a hall or assembly room, where they can continue their meetings regardless of the weather. Streatham, as well as Brixton, is to be favoured with meetings as soon as a suitable hall has been found. It has already been decided that at one meeting there shall be a limelight entertainment, illustrating the work of the Union. Another meeting, provided the sanction of the local Liberal Association be obtained, will be held in the Liberal rooms, when an address on "Votes for Women" will be delivered.

On the 30th inst. a drawing-room meeting—at which Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be chief speaker—will take place at Mrs. Howell's, 15, County-grove, Camberwell. The time for the meeting will be 8 p.m.

Chelsea W.S.P.U.

The Chelsea branch of the W.S.P.U. opened their winter campaign with an open-air meeting on Thursday, 10th inst., at Cale-street, Chelsea Green. The audience showed the keenest interest in the meeting, and the speakers—Mrs. Baines and Mrs. Drummond—had every encouragement in the way of close attention, not unmixed with hearty applause. Meetings will be held at the same place on Thursdays at 7.30.

A well-attended drawing-room meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th inst., at Trafalgar Studios, when Mrs. Pethick Lawrence delivered a forcible address. Two other drawing-room meetings have been arranged; one, on November 9, will be held at the house of Mrs. Monk-Mason, 93, Oakley-street, Chelsea, and the other will take place at Mrs. Clifton's house, 28, Margaretta-street. The exact date for the latter has yet to be settled.

Lewisham W.S.P.U.

The meeting held on Sunday, the 13th inst., at Blackheath was very encouraging, the attendance showing a decided improvement. The speakers were listened to with marked attention. On Friday, the 18th inst., the usual fortnightly meeting took the form of an "At Home," when Dr. Jones gave a clever and impressive address on "The Inequalities of the Moral Code."

Preston W.S.P.U.

At a recent meeting of this branch, Miss Alice Crompton, M.A., warden of the University Settlement, Ancoats, Manchester, spoke on "Women's Municipal Duties," and dwelt on the growing city life in the modern state, and the vivid contrast in the differences, intellectual and physical, between some of the great cities of old and ours of to-day. The need for women to secure their rights, that they may fulfil their duties, was also dealt with by the speaker. To ensure the success of this meeting, members had worked very hard.

In each of 12 wards members have canvassed women voters to ask them to sign a memorial to local candidates who desired to represent their ward in town council, asking them to move in council that Parliament be petitioned to grant the Parliamentary franchise to women. Eight councillors have answered, stating that they believe in the principle claimed, but that they do not feel equal to move it, though they promised to support it if moved. This reply showed a decided advance on last year, when 12 other candidates were applied to. The answers then were nearly all hostile.

The first meeting in the new offices will be held on the 30th inst. The new offices, which are near the centre of the town,

will hold upwards of 100 people. The rooms are bright and attractive, with neat furnishings, and are provided with electric light.

Annie Kenney in Bristol.

Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Lamb, and Miss Dorothy Pethick have been busy during the week in Bristol working up the big meeting for November 8. Meetings are being held each day from one to half-past. The afternoons are spent in visiting various women who are likely to be interested. In the evenings there have been meetings in each of the parks, and, with good weather, the whole locality will have been well canvassed before the 8th.

Meeting at Ipswich.

Mrs. Martel spoke at a Suffrage meeting, on Wednesday, October 16, at Ipswich, to Women Municipal Voters. There was a good muster present, and Mrs. Martel made an exhaustive speech, dealing in particular with the use of the vote in Australia, which was very well received. Miss Edith Palliser also spoke. Several women gave in their names as anxious to become connected with the W.S.P.U., and an out-of-door campaign is already in progress.

Yorkshire Report.

The Sheffield W.S.P.U. organised a meeting in the open air on Monday, October 14, at which Mrs. Storr presided. We had a good attendance and several questions. We are preparing now for Mrs. Lawrence's visit, which, we hope, will take place about November 28.

In Bradford the meeting in the Friends' Meeting House on Tuesday night, October 15, was a great success. Mrs. H. B. Priestman took the chair, and her daughter, with Misses Gladys and Marjorie Priestman and their sisters, helped in the organisation of the meeting. We found several new workers ready to join us that night.

The "Socialist Women" of Bradford heard an address on "Votes for Women" on Thursday night in Bradford.

Programme.

By the kindness of Mrs. Dr. Duff and the Rev. R. Rhondda Williams, I addressed a P.M.E. at Greenfield Chapel on Monday night, October 20.

As the paper goes to press I am in Leeds, where we are having five meetings in the two days, October 23, 24. These have been worked up by chalking on the pavement and by canvassing the women. We are having two meetings on the Town Hall-square, a meeting-place for all the great mills in Leeds; one afternoon meeting for women only, and two open-air meetings at night.

In Brighouse and in Keighley we are busy with work for Mrs. Martel's meetings on October 30 and November 4. Mrs. Pankhurst visits Leeds for a demonstration in the Philosophic Hall on October 28.

N.W.S.P.U. Library.

A library dealing with questions of special interest to women is now in process of formation. Much interest and sympathy has been aroused in the new venture, and gifts of books and money have already been received. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Singer for the gift of Buckle's History of Civilisation, Pioneer Humanists, The Religion of Woman, and Dr. Saleeby's Organic Evolution and Ethics and Heredity; to Mr. C. G. Haarbleicher for Annette Meakin's Woman in Transition; to Miss Brewster for Dr. Jex Blake's Medical Women, Mary Wollstonecraft's Vindication of the Rights of Women, and a donation of 2s. 6d. towards the library fund; to Miss Gye for Havelock Ellis's Man and Woman; to Miss Mary Neal for the gift of a bookcase; to Mr. Roch for a donation of £2 2s. and the promise of Susan B. Anthony's life; to Mrs. Toyn for the promise of Bebel's Woman.

All communications respecting the library should be addressed to the Hon. Librarian, National W.S.P.U., 4, Clements-inn, W.C.

SCOTTISH NOTES.

THERE are still everywhere echoes of the procession, and I have had this week a Stirling paper sent to me, with a splendid article written by one of the demonstrators, giving a very full and clear account of the proceedings, and also Miss Thomson's clever descriptive article in the "Dunfermline Press."

We are going to have a meeting in Stirling next month, and I hear it is being very much looked forward to by many interested.

Up North they are very busy, and some time I really must get up to the very far north, and raise the battle-cry in all the towns. In Aboyne a meeting was held, which is reported below, and I hear of two drawing-room meetings in Aberdeen.

Dundee is going to take advantage of the Municipal elections; as are all the towns, I believe, to preach "Votes for Women." I intend to take advantage of the elections in Glasgow, and hold an open-air meeting in every ward—not in connection with municipal politics, but merely because, as in a bye-election, one gets more people to come and listen. Talking of bye-elections makes me wonder if Scotland is ever going to have one again. It seems to be "canny" about them, as about other things, but some day, I have no doubt, we shall have another.

Mrs. Pearce spoke on Monday to the Kilmarnock branch, whose energetic hon. secretary, Miss Hamilton, keeps them well supplied with speakers, and with fresh interests.

Miss Mary Phillips and myself are going to Motherwell on Thursday to address a meeting in the Town Hall, and, as this is our first visit there, we are looking forward to gathering in recruits. On Friday the Southern branch holds their "At Home" in Langside Halls, and it promises to be very successful.

On the 27th I am going to speak at the University Settlement—by Councillor Pratt's invitation—to his meeting of men.

I wish to remind our Scottish readers and members that I am always delighted to receive contributions for our work here; that I am always glad to see any members at the office, 114, West Campbell-street, Glasgow, when in town; that I have there all our literature, post-cards, &c., on sale; and lastly, that I am always pleased to have suggestions as to suitable places to work in and people to visit, and to speak on our subject, whenever possible, to any society or association they are in touch with.

HELEN FRASER.

The W.S.P.U. at Aboyne.

The meeting held at Aboyne by the W.S.P.U. on Thursday, 17th inst., proved highly successful, in spite of exceedingly disagreeable weather. There was a large attendance of both sexes; indeed, the audience was thoroughly representative of Aboyne and the district.

Mrs. Dugdale took the chair, and Miss Una Dugdale was the speaker of the evening. Miss Dugdale first mentioned how entirely successful had been the W.S.P.U. meetings recently held in Aberdeen, Dundee, and Glasgow, &c., meetings which had left behind them a growing army of enthusiastic recruits. The recent procession of suffragists in Edinburgh had caused quite a sensation in that city, and large crowds had turned out to witness it. The procession had extended three-quarters of a mile, and women of all shades of political opinion, from the Primrose dames to the members of Socialist bodies, had taken their place in it, as a testimony to their zealous and earnest belief in the cause of women's suffrage.

The speaker mentioned and answered many of the objections raised when women demanded the vote, and pointed out that women asked for no more and no less than men already enjoyed, and this was but justice, for woman was taxed equally with man. Surely, if a woman's money was good enough to help pay the nation's bills, a woman's vote was good enough to help control national expenditure.

The applause, both during and at the end of Miss Una Dugdale's speech showed how thoroughly she had won the intelligent sympathy of her listeners.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

For the rest of October (as far as at present arranged).

Oct. 24	Manchester, "At Home" Kensington	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	
	London, 4, Clements-inn	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Baldock	8-10.
	Christchurch (Didsbury) Literary Society	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Walthamstow, Queen's-road School	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Bacup, Women's Meeting	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil	3 and 8.
	Bristol, London Inn	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	7.30
	Leeds, opposite Town Hall	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Mattie-son	1 p.m.
	Huddel, Women only	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Mattie-son	3 p.m.
	Huddel Moor	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Mattie-son	7.30
	Bristol, Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Priestman, 7, Durdham Park	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	3-5.
	Bristol, Packer and Co.'s Works	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	1.30
Oct. 25	Manchester, Free Trade Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Haslingden	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil	3 p.m.
	Bristol, the Brewery	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	1.30
	Bristol, corner of Colston-avenue and Quay-street	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	7.30
	Brighton, Hammersmith, Down-place, King-street	Miss A. Pankhurst	
Oct. 26	Suffragette Scouts meet Sloane-square, 4 p.m.	Miss New, Miss Howae	7.30
	Rawlston	Meeting, Redhill	
	Bristol, St. George's Park	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Keevil	1 p.m.
	Ashton, Trade Union Meeting	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	6 p.m.
	Sheffield	Miss N. Kenney	7.30
Oct. 27	London, Victoria Park	Miss A. Pankhurst	
	Bradford, Sunday Society	Mrs. Baldock, Mrs. Martel	3.30
	Bristol, David Thomas Memorial Church	Miss A. Pankhurst	7.30
Oct. 28	London, 4, Clements-inn, "At Home"	Miss A. Kenney, Miss Lamb	3 p.m.
	London, 4, Clements-inn, Evening Meeting	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst	4-6.
	Reigate, Co-operative Guild	Mrs. Baldock	8 p.m.
	Saltley, Trade Union Meeting	Mrs. Martel	
Oct. 29	Brighton	Miss N. Kenney	7.30
	Romford Parliamentary Debating Society	Mrs. Martel	8 p.m.
	Leeds, Philosophic Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8.15
	Birmingham, Brampton's Works	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss A. Pankhurst	7.30
	Keighley, Temperance Hall	Miss N. Kenney	6 p.m.
Oct. 30	Putney, Weimar-road	Mrs. Martel	7.30
	Paddington, corner of Elgin-avenue and Walferton-road	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Brixton	Open-air Meeting	7.30
	Brighton, Hove, Ventnor Villas	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.
	Hall	Miss C. H. Pankhurst	8 p.m.
Oct. 31	Bowes Park	Mrs. Pankhurst	8 p.m.
Nov. 11	QUEEN'S HALL MEETING, LONDON.	Chairman:—Mrs. Pankhurst. Speakers:—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Mary E. Gawthorpe, Mrs. Martel, Miss C. H. Pankhurst.	8 p.m.

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